Outer Space Storytime

Sing “Mister Sun”

Oh mister sun, sun, mister golden sun
Please shine down on me
Oh mister sun, sun, mister golden sun
Hiding behind the tree
These little children are asking you
Please come out so we can play with you
Oh mister sun, sun, mister golden sun
Please shine down on me

Sing “Climb Aboard the Spaceship” (to the tune of “Itsy Bitsy Spider”)

Climb aboard the spaceship, we’re going to the moon
Hurry and get ready, we’re going to blast off soon
Put on your helmet and buckle up real tight
Cause we’re going to the moon and we’ll be out all night

Read Block the Sun, Not the Fun! by Ellen Feinman Moss

Recite the poem “The Moon Game”

I’m the moon and I play a game
I don’t always look the same
Sometimes I’m round, a silver sphere
Sometimes just half of me seems to be here
Sometimes I’m a crescent, shaped like a smile
Sometimes I surprise you and hide for a while
Look up in the sky for my friendly light
What shape will I have when you see me tonight?

Discuss what shape the moon will be tonight
(MoonGiant.com will tell you the moon phase for the evening)

Sing “Solar System in Motion” (to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell”)

The earth turns around, the earth turns around
Once a day and every day, the earth turns around
The moon goes round the earth, the moon goes round the earth
Once a month and every month, the moon goes round the earth
The earth goes round the sun, the earth goes round the sun
Once a year and every year, the earth goes round the sun
Read The Faces of the Moon by Bob Crelin

Recite “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”
(For this song, tell the child to hold their hands in the air and make their fingers “twinkle” and you can create a galaxy together)

Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are

Sing “Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, We’re Going to the Moon”

Zoom zoom zoom, we’re going to the moon
Zoom zoom zoom, we’re going to the moon
If you want to take a trip,
Climb aboard my rocket ship
Zoom zoom zoom, we’re going to the moon
In 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, blast off!

Move to the song “Rocketship Run” by Laurie Berkner
(For this final song, you can blow bubbles together, dance, or even play freeze dance by pausing the music every so often and freezing when it stops. Come up with some spacethemed dance moves together too!)

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